

You're Invited to Take Part In a DEL Public Rules Hearing

WHAT: Proposed changes to rules on using hand sanitizer products in DEL-licensed child care

When: Tuesday, September 8, 2010, from 6:30 to 9 p.m.*

How: There are three ways to take part in this public hearing:

- In person at the DEL State Office 649 Woodland Square Loop SE, Lacey, WA 98503, or
- By phone, **toll free 866-441-7284**. After the operator gives you directions, enter **"PIN" number 454181** followed by the **"#"** (pound) symbol, or
- At <u>Go to Meeting</u> online. You will need to give your name and e-mail address when registering at this website.

You can join the public hearing anytime from 6:30 to 9 p.m. to share your thoughts about the proposed rules and hear what others have to say.

* Due to state budget cuts, only one public hearing will be held.

Why: DEL filed emergency hand sanitizer rules in October 2009 to help limit the spread of the H1N1 "swine" flu epidemic. The department plans to adopt permanent rules that would allow child care providers to use hand sanitizers with children over 12 months old with written permission from the child's parent or guardian.

You can also give written input about the proposed rules at the DEL <u>Online Rules Comment</u> website, by writing to the DEL Rules Coordinator, PO Box 40970, Olympia, WA 98504, or by e-mail to <u>Rules@del.wa.gov</u>. **The comment deadline is midnight on September 9, 2010.**